

February 21, 2023

Minnesota House of Representatives
Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee
State Office Building, Rm. 200
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: House File 1386, Support for Energy Storage Provisions

Dear Chair Acomb, Representative Hollins, and Committee Members,

On behalf of Clean Energy Economy MN (CEEM), I write today in support of HF1386 which incentivizes the growth of the energy storage market in Minnesota. This bill outlines when specific conditions are met, the Public Utilities Commission will require utilities to install an energy storage system, file peak shaving tariffs, and support an energy storage incentive program. We support this bill because it will increase adoption of energy storage across Minnesota, add resiliency to our grid and create new opportunities for our business members.

CEEM is an industry-led, nonpartisan, non-profit organization representing the business voice of energy efficiency and clean energy in Minnesota. We work to educate Minnesotans about the economic benefits of transitioning to a clean energy economy and are committed to delivering a 100% clean energy future where all Minnesota businesses and citizens will thrive. Our business membership is comprised of nearly 50 clean energy companies ranging from start-up businesses to Fortune 100 and 500 corporations that employ tens of thousands of Minnesotans across the state.

We thank Rep. Hollins for bringing this bill forward and Chair Acomb for hearing it in committee. Addressing and eliminating policy barriers will allow for further expansion and adoption of energy storage technologies in Minnesota. Additionally, the energy storage incentives program paired with the 30% investment tax credit for installation of standalone storage through the Inflation Reduction Act will allow for Minnesotans to fully maximize cost savings while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Energy storage is a rapidly growing market as it is economical and resourceful. If Minnesota doesn't carefully craft policy to allow for battery storage adoption, we will fall behind in advancing our energy system. State policies, like HF1386 are an excellent complement to the recently passed 100% clean energy by 2040 bill and will bolster Minnesota's economy, expand the energy storage market, and spur energy innovation.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our support for this bill. We look forward to its passage. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,



George Damian
Director of Government Affairs
gdamian@cleanenergyeconomymn.org